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On 30 January 1954, Neues Lager, Koenigsbrueck, was occupied by about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 500 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

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following officers in the camp: Colonel (Arty) Krauchenkov (phonetical spelling) (fmu), commanding officer of the camp and deputy of General Govaronink; Colonel (Arty) Grichenkov (phonetical spelling) (fmu), deputy commander of the camp; Colonel (Arty) Shabovak (phonetical spelling) (fmu), chief of the polit.section; Major Ribuka (fmu), supply officer and successor of Major Zinoyev (fmu); Captain (Arty) Fralov (phonetical spelling) (fmu), administrative officer; Lieutenant Ivanov (phonetical spelling) (fmu), artillery instructor; and Lieutenant Letvinov (phonetical spelling) (fmu) of the tank unit. the officers of the tank unit had been stationed in the Hermann Goering Kaserne prior to 1953. On 2 January, about 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were lined up for a roll call in the camp area and were addressed by a colonel. On 4 January, T-34/85 tank was cleaned and oil-

ed in front of a repair shop and another 4 T-34/85 tanks were seen through the open doors of a tank shed. Eight prime movers and 2 guns were seen in front of a vehicle shed and 8 85-mm AA guns were observed through the open doors of a repair shop. On 7 January, about 15 trucks, each towing a 37-mm AA gun and each occupied by 8 to 12 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen entering Neues Lager. At about 5 p.m. on 8 January, reports of AT guns and, presumably, AA guns were heard from the direction of the training area. At about 6 p.m., 2 trucks and towing 57-mm AT guns, were seen in the installation area. On 11 January, 8 prime movers were seen in front of a motor vehicle shed. On 18 January, 4 T-34/85 tanks left the camp toward the training area. After a simulated alert, on 19 January, several columns left the camp toward the training area. They included numerous trucks, occupied by troops carrying full field pack and towing 12 x 57-mm AT guns, 8 x 37-mm AT guns and 4 x 85-mm AA guns: 4 T-34/85 tanks and 6 six-wheel armored personnel carriers.

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a major exercise, which also involved units from Dresden, had been conducted by a general. Between 9 a.m. and noon on 20 January, reports of heavy artillery, AT guns and light AA guns were heard from the direction of the training area. Artillery and rocket launchers held firing practices in the training area at about 1:30 p.m. and between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. respectively. At about 4:30 p.m., 6 ammunition vehicles left the camp toward the training area. Between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., reports of heavy artillery were heard from the training area. At about 9 a.m. on 30 January, a column of 7 trucks, each occupied by 10 to 15 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the camp toward the training area.

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Comment. The 4th Gds AAA Div is again confirmed in Neues Lager

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The information again contains several indications for the tank regiment carried there since the fall of 1953.

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the 40th Gds Tank Regt from Dresden which, however, cannot be confirmed

The major exercise of the 11th Gds Tank Div which apparently was conducted at Koenigsbrueck in mid-January, may also account for the presence in Neues Lager of tank units from Dresden.

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